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MEMORANDUM FOR: Capt. Harold G. Bowen, Jr.  
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Office of the Chief of Naval Operations  
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SUBJECT : Investigation of Naval Personnel Assigned to CIA

REFERENCE : Op-9310/km, Ser 24040P92, dtd 28 November 1960

1. Reference is made to your inquiry as to the extent of investigation conducted on active duty Naval personnel assigned to the Agency and a request that the results of our investigation be furnished to you.

2. Our procedures require a full and up-to-date background investigation, including National Agency name checks, on all personnel employed by or assigned to the Agency. In this connection, the results of previous investigations conducted are considered.

3. In a recent meeting between Mr. Richard Wilson, of the Office of Naval Intelligence, and Mr. [redacted] of this office, arrangements were made whereby we will advise the Office of Naval Intelligence by memorandum concerning the scope and results of investigative coverage on Naval personnel by this Agency. This will be in the form of a memorandum which will be furnished to your appointed liaison agent to this office on investigative matters.

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4. We trust that the above arrangements with Mr. Wilson will meet your needs satisfactorily. It has been a pleasure to work with your representatives over the years in our investigative and security efforts.

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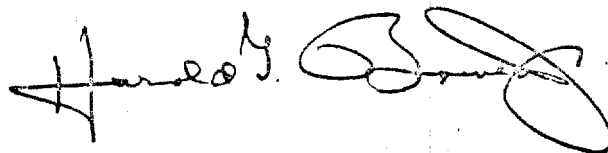
MEMORANDUM for the Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

Subj: Investigation of Naval personnel assigned to CIA

1. A recent incident has come to the attention of the Office of Naval Intelligence indicating that a Naval officer assigned for a tour of duty with the Central Intelligence Agency, was the subject of a background investigation conducted by CIA. The Office of Naval Intelligence, by authority of the Secretary of the Navy, is responsible for conducting background investigations of Naval and Marine Corps personnel on active military duty.
2. There are a number of governmental agencies to which active duty Naval personnel are assigned for tours of duty not directly connected with their primary service duties. Among these are the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the National Security Agency, the Federal Aviation Agency, Selective Service, Departments of the Army and Air Force. In all such cases, the requisite investigation is conducted by Naval Intelligence.
3. Quite aside from any purely jurisdictional aspects involved, it is important that these investigations be handled within the Navy in order that the results thereof may be available, on a continuing basis, to those in the Navy responsible for the detailing of military personnel. If independent investigative processing has been accomplished outside of Naval channels, and Naval authorities are unaware of the fact, this can also lead to considerable duplication of effort with the resultant embarrassment which such inquiries generate.
4. Naval personnel are eligible for Top Secret clearance on the basis of a National Agency Check, plus ten years of continuous satisfactory service. However, many billets, because of their sensitivity, also require that the incumbent have a background investigation. This is true in connection with personnel assigned to intelligence, communications, and various other categories. When, therefore, a background investigation is deemed necessary, requests are made to the Office of Naval Intelligence for the accomplishment thereof. Upon completion, the investigative results are made known to the agency or activity to which the personnel are assigned for the purpose of permitting the using agency or activity to make its own determination of clearance suitability. At the same time, the investigative results are made a part of the Naval Intelligence files for such future reference as may be necessary. Investigations can thus be up-dated from time to time as required without going back over ground already investigated.

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5. The Office of Naval Intelligence would appreciate being informed of the extent to which active duty Naval personnel are investigated by the CIA upon assignment to the agency. In any event, it is most important that the results of any such independent investigation be automatically furnished the Office of Naval Intelligence for inclusion in its files.



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